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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE

Examiner: G. R. Koch

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.